

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 11-15 are pending in this application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during an August 23, 2005, personal interview with Applicants' undersigned representative, during which the outstanding rejections of record were discussed. The remainder of Applicants' separate record of the substance of the personal interview is contained in the remarks that follow.

The Office Action objects to the specification and rejects the claims under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, for asserted formalities regarding the recitation of the term "clearance." However, this terminology was deleted from claims 1-2 and 11 in the September 13, 2004, Preliminary Amendment. Thus, as was agreed during the August 23, 2005, personal interview, in view of the fact that claims 4-10 were canceled, the terminology "clearance" is not present in the claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the objection and rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, are moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, making reference to Attorney Docket No. 107348-00137.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert K. Carpenter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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